

FEDERAL ORDER

Domestic Quarantine of Ross, Scioto, Jackson, and Highland Counties of Ohio for Pine Shoot Beetle (PSB) (*Tomicus piniperda*)

This Federal Order is issued under the regulatory authority provided by the Plant Protection Act of June 20, 2000, as amended, Section 412 (a), 7U.S.C. 7712 (a), which authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to prohibit or restrict the movement in interstate commerce of any plant, plant part, or article if the Secretary determines the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent the dissemination of a plant pest within the United States.

This Federal Order quarantines, effective immediately, Ross, Scioto, Jackson, and Highland Counties of Ohio for Pine Shoot Beetle, *Tomicus piniperda*. This action is in response to detection of PSB in those counties.

The 7 CFR 301.50-3(a) allows the quarantine of less than an entire state only when the state enforces an intrastate quarantine that matches Federal PSB regulations. Prior to August 15, 2006, the State Plant Regulatory Official for Ohio must confirm the establishment of an intra-state quarantine for Ross and Scioto Counties that mirrors the Federal Regulatory requirements as specified in 7 CFR 301.50. The confirmation should be made in writing to the APHIS' State Plant Health Director for Ohio.

The 7 CFR 301.50-3(b) provides for temporary designation of new quarantine areas pending publication of a rule to add counties to the list shown in 7 CFR 301.50-3(c). The 7 CFR 301.50-3(b) further requires written notification be given to the owners of property and enterprises in a newly quarantined area, advising them of the quarantine and the necessity of complying with requirements for the movement of regulated articles. This is the responsibility of the Federal and/or State regulatory personnel responsible for the PSB program in the affected state.

Effective immediately, interstate movement of PSB regulated articles from Ross, Scioto, Jackson, and Highland Counties must be done in accordance with the stipulations of 7 CFR 301.50.

If you wish more details on the Federal PSB regulatory program, you may contact the Staff Officer Weyman Fussell at (301) 734-5705. For information on regulatory requirements for movement of articles out of Ohio, please contact the APHIS' State Plant Health Director John Burch at (614) 834-4625.

We continue to appreciate the cooperative relationship with the State of Ohio in our mutual effort to prevent the spread of quarantine pests.